



Kindergarten News

News and Notes...

- Thank you to all of the family members who visited school & the classroom during American Education Week. It was great to have you observe our morning routines and see first hand how our day works. We appreciate you taking the time to see us in action!
- December is a month full of special holidays and customs. We will be learning about different holidays and participating in special activities related to each. If your family celebrates a special holiday and you would like to share it with others please contact your child's teacher to schedule a day/time for you to come talk with the class. If you do not wish for your child to take part in these lessons and/or activities please let his/her teacher know.
- Please make sure your child is dressed to go outside for recess. We will be going outside daily so your child will need a coat appropriate for the colder weather. If desired your child is welcome to bring a hat, gloves, scarf, etc. to help stay warm. Please help your child practice putting on these items so we can get outside quickly. Zipping and buttoning slows us down when we are in a hurry to get outside for some fun!

Health Room

Sometimes students are in a rush to get to the restroom and accidents can occur. The Health Room will provide students with a change of clothes so he/she can finish the day at school. If your child comes home in a change of borrowed clothes please wash, dry, and return the items to school for future use. If you would like to send a change of clothes to school with your child he/she can keep a small Ziploc size bag on the top shelf of his/her locker to have just in case it is needed.

As you are cleaning out closets, dressers, and drawers please consider sending in outgrown clothes to the Health Room as a donation for when a change of clothes is needed. Additionally, if you are able/willing to send in new unworn underwear it would be greatly appreciated.

**Tuscarora
Elementary School**

December 2008

Important Dates...

- Dec. 5th—2 Hour Early Dismissal
- Dec. 12th—Gingerbread Day
- Dec. 19th—Polar Express Day
- Dec. 23rd—Jan. 2nd—Winter Break

Websites to use at home...

Starfall—
www.starfall.com

Kaboose—
www.funschool.kaboose.com

Kinder Art.—
www.kinderart.com

Little Books



As your child brings home his/her reading bag please re-read the books each evening. Re-reading helps your child to develop fluency, confidence, and allows him/her to practice the sight words we are learning in context. After reading ask your child some simple questions to keep him/her thinking about the story. Some questions are...

1. Who were the characters?
2. Was there a problem in the story? If so, how was it solved?
3. Can you retell the story to me?
4. Does this book remind you of another book you have read? How is it the same?

We call this text-to-text connections in the classroom.

5. Does this book remind you of something in your life? How is it the same as part of your life?

We call this text-to-self connections in the classroom.

Practice reading the little books in your child's reading bag every night!

Other activities to do with little books are...

- Write the words you know from the book.
- Practice words which were difficult by re-reading, making word cards, writing the letters to spell each word, and saying the letters out loud to spell each word.
- Look for how sight words your child knows how to read can change into a new/different word—some examples are: like becomes likes, look becomes looking, play becomes played.

Glue Sticks

Thank you to those families who have donated glue sticks. We complete at least 1 activity each day which requires gluing. We use up glue sticks quickly and often. We are still in need of glue sticks. If you are able to donate glue sticks at any time throughout the year we would greatly appreciate it!

Gingerbread & Polar Express Days

We will be having 2 special days during December for students to enjoy the spirit of the Winter season. Our goal is continue to make learning fun while providing students with exciting activities to make their year in Kindergarten extra special.



On Friday, Dec. 12th we will be having Gingerbread Day. The students will be going to the cafeteria to work on performing the task of building a Gingerbread House. Please see the attached donation and volunteer letter for your opportunity to help make this day a success!

We are looking forward to some special holiday fun!

On Tuesday, Dec. 23rd we will have Polar Express Day. Students will be invited to wear his/her pajamas to school, hear the story, and watch the movie while enjoying hot chocolate. Please see the attached permission slip so your child is able to participate.

We appreciate your ongoing support of our efforts to make learning fun everyday!